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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
LEGISLATIVE MEETING – March 8, 2012

A legislative meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Nether Providence, duly advertised and posted in accordance with law, was called to order at 7:30 PM on Thursday, March 8, 2012 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, Township Municipal Building, 214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner Much
Commissioner Sullivan
Commissioner Noyes
Commissioner Kenworthy
Commissioner Dougherty
Commissioner Baker
Commissioner O'Connor

Gary Cummings	Township Manager
Charles Catania	Township Engineer
Thomas Flannery	Chief of Police
Dennis Sheehan	Assistant Township Manager
Lisa Swan	Finance Director
Joseph Lesniak	Township Solicitor

PUBLIC: Approximately 15 in attendance

Mr Much acknowledged the Girl Scout Troop and asked Scout Ashley Mackey to lead those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Special recognition of girl Scouts from Troop # 53488

Mr Baker introduced Jenny Albany, the Leader of Troop 53488, who explained what the Gold Award is and noted it is the highest award that can be achieved as a Girl Scout. It about takes 3 years to complete, with 40 hours of work, 60 hours of leadership, finding the needs of the community, outlining the project, followed by implementation and completion of the project. Mr Much noted nationally only 6% of the Girl Scouts earn the Gold Award. The audience gave Jenny Albany a round of applause. Mr Baker summarized the projects and gave Certificates of Recognition to Rebecka Ackerman, Riley Griffith, Ashley Mackey, and Elizabeth Semararo. Kirstin Wise was unable to attend and received her certificate in absentia. Mr Noyes summarized the project by Laura Albany and presented a Certificate of Recognition to her. Mr Noyes said this was a tremendous organizational feat. He also noted two other intermediate gold awards and noted Senator Pileggi attended the official awards ceremony.

Public Comments

None

Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Zoning Board - Mr Robert George of 513 Wilder Road was present and said he was interested in being a full member of the Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB). He said he attended a number of hearings and his legal and engineering background will serve well. Mr Noyes noted there was a resolution circulated from the Commissioners advising ZHB members to comply with state law. Mr Much moved to appoint Robert George

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as a full member. Mr O'Connor seconded the motion which passed 7-0.

Adam Fernandez of 327 Crestview Circle said he is an attorney and with his experience in land use and zoning, he would be interested in filling the Alternate Member position on the ZHB. Mr Noyes noted there was a vacancy on the Planning Commission as well but Mr Fernandez said he preferred to be on ZHB and would follow state law. He will forward his resume to the Board for consideration.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Legislative meeting of February 9, 2012

Mr Dougherty noted a typo and Mr Much moved to approve the minutes. Mr Sullivan seconded the motion which was approved 6-0-1 with Mr O'Connor abstaining due to his absence at the meeting.

Solicitors Report

Mr Lesniak spoke on the pending bamboo, solicitation and permit parking ordinances and recommends their approval. Mr Baker asked about permitted signs in open space zoning areas with regard to the scoreboard request. Mr Lesniak noted he was moving forward on a litigation matter and expects to file an injunction next week.

Mr Noyes wanted to know if the grandfathered clause in the bamboo ordinance is transferable. Mr Lesniak stated he will look into that. Mr Sullivan thinks the exemption is only to the person who planted the bamboo. Mr Noyes said how can the ordinance be worded to require it to be an obligation to notify the buyers and he asked to possibly consider adding this to the U & O inspection checklist. After discussion, Mr Lesniak will rework the ordinance to be able to consider other invasive species and refer to a schedule just listing bamboo for the time being. Mr Kenworthy said to be careful as we are not horticulturalists and we do not create barriers to the sale of property.

Community Enhancement Committee Report

Urban Field scoreboard - Seth Shore from NPAA Baseball said they were offered money to purchase a scoreboard 3' high by 6' wide and would have sponsors names on it. Mr Baker asked if electric is available and who would do the work to hook it up. Mr Shore said they have not proceeded that far yet. Mr Baker asked if having sponsors name on scoreboard violates the sign ordinance. Mr Lesniak said the ordinance on signs is broadly worded. Mr Sullivan asked if they were willing to remove it when it is no longer in use. He said they would remove everything except for the conduit. Mr Cummings noted it may need footing inspection as well as electrical and sign permits if it is determined to be a sign. Mr Noyes wanted to make placement of the sign discretionary by the board. Mr Cummings said they needed the specifics shown on a plan in order to issue permits. The Board also discussed having a Port-A-Potty at Mickey Vernon Field but felt it was not in the best interest of the community.

Summer Recreation Program and registration – Mr Baker said registration for the summer recreation program starts April 2nd at 9:00am and he expects it to fill up quickly. He said all the kids should have received a flyer from school and it should be a fun year.

Engineers Report

CDBG bid award - Mr Catania noted the bid opening for 2011 CDBG project (resurfacing in Garden City and South Media) and recommends the award go to Joseph Sucher and Sons at the low bid of \$87,620. Mr Baker noted complaints relative to storage of trucks and materials with other projects in the past and wanted to make sure it does not occur with this project.

Ridley Drive Sanitary Sewer Repair – Mr Catania stated we received bids for the project to re-line a portion of sewer line and recommends the bid be awarded to S.W.E.R.P. Inc. in a bid amount of \$11,580. H2O Grant - Mr Catania noted the DEP comments that we adopted the resolutions for plan revisions (Brookhaven Road and

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Laurie Lane/Providence Road sewer extension projects) prematurely and said we need to ratify the resolutions. Mr Sullivan so moved. Mr O'Connor seconded the motion which passed 7-0.

Mr Sullivan moved to award the CDBG project to Joseph E. Sucher and Sons in amount of \$87,620. Mr O'Connor seconded the motion which passed 7-0.

Mr Sullivan moved to award the Ridley Drive sewer repair to SWERP Inc. in the amount of \$11,580 . Mr O'Connor seconded the motion which passed 7-0. Mr Dougherty thanked Mr Dixon and the highway department for videoing the sewer line.

Managers Report

Mr Cummings noted two new arrivals to the township. Our A/R & Payroll Clerk Maureen Feyas gave birth on March 6 to a baby girl, Scarlett Anne and noted both mother and baby are doing fine. The township has also received a recycling dumpster located at the highway garage. He stated the County compost farm open to residents on March 21 and April 18 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Mr Cummings noted that he received a call from a resident questioning the sewer and recycling rebate criteria and if the income limits can apply to all residents, not just to senior citizens. The Board did not consider any action at this time. He also stated a prescription drug collection on April 28 from 10am to 2 pm with drop off at the Police Department.

Building and Zoning Committee Report

Motion to advertise ordinance regulating bamboo - Mr Kenworthy noted that we will continue to work on the bamboo ordinance and that it will be revisited at the April 5th Work Session meeting.

Motion to advertise ordinance amending time allowance for soliciting to be 9am to 7pm - Mr Kenworthy read the ordinance and moved to advertise the ordinance. Mr O'Connor seconded the motion which carried 7-0.

Subdivision – 221 Fildes Lane (4 lots – 1 existing home) – Mr Kenworthy noted this would be discussed at the April 2nd Planning Commission meeting. He also noted the next Zoning Hearing Board meeting is scheduled for April 19th.

Finance and Administration Committee Report

Motion to approve warrant list - Mr Dougherty reviewed the Warrant List and noted the Catania Engineering invoice was large but most of it was concerning the traffic studies. He moved to approve the warrant list as follows:

PCard	\$ 14,311.12
Prepays.....	\$152,213.10
Bills List.....	\$568,881.55
Total.....	\$735,405.77

Mr Baker seconded the motion which was approved 7-0.

Pension Plan Investment Policy – It was noted that INR could not attend tonight and will be asked to attend the April 5th Meeting. Mr Noyes asked if we have or a pension committee. Mr. Cummings stated we have no formal committee.

Computer server back-up trial – Mr Sheehan explained that the server is being tested on a one month trial basis and he will report back next month with the outcome.

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Public Works Committee Report

Motion to advertise 2012 road resurfacing program - Mr O'Connor moved to authorize advertising to receive road resurfacing bids. Mr Sullivan seconded the motion. Mr Noyes noted Heatherwold roads are included. Mr Catania stated the bidding of Plush Mill and Knoll Roads will be bid as an alternate. The motion passed 7-0. It was noted that Leaf mulch is available with deliveries starting March 22.

Grants Committee Report

FEMA Grant- Approve work for Providence Road sidewalk and Copples Lane culvert (by Ridley Excavating) - Mr Noyes made motion to approve the FEMA work subject to review and imposing protections as appropriate. Mr Kenworthy seconded the motion which passed 7-0. Mr Noyes mentioned we are seeking supplemental funds to fully replace the Shepherds Lane Culvert.

CMAQ Grant - Mr Noyes noted CMAQ Grant can be used for sidewalks. Mr Cummings mentioned that we are looking to see if we are eligible to apply to pay for the balance of the TEA Grant.

DCNR Grant – Mr Sheehan spoke on the potential uses of the grant and said he will work on it with Mr Noyes and the Parks Committee. Mr Much said there may be multiple grants for emergency management purposes and asked Mr Noyes to reach out to the fire companies. Mr Baker suggested talking to Ed Kline.

Infrastructure Committee Report

Mr Sullivan updated the Board on SRTS and TE grants noting we will address next month.

Public Safety Committee Report

Mr Much noted that he met with Pat O'Rourke and he has done a wonderful job rewriting the Emergency Operations Manual (EOM) and has all the township certifications in emergency management. He noted that Mr O'Rourke can make Nether Providence Township employees identification cards and suggested that all Commissioners and Township Staff should get one.

Motion to advertise ordinance establishing permit parking on Rosewood Lane - Mr Much moved to advertise the ordinance. Mr Sullivan seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

Motion to advertise ordinance establishing stop signs - Mr Much so moved. Mr Sullivan seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

Meeting held with Penn DOT on new traffic signal (Bullens Lane and Providence Road) – Mr Dougherty noted a meeting with PADOT and summarized the meeting noting there will be a discussion about removing the signals once the bridge reopens.

StrathHaven Middle School sidewalk (Copples Lane) – Mr Much spoke on the meeting this week with school officials and noted they have agreed to submit revised sketch plans. He noted Mr Sullivan suggested we use some of the available money for delineators and or to put in reflectors along Copples Lane with the Township paying the balance to extend them down Copples Lane. After the discussion the Board agreed to pursue the reflectors and to notify Nick Cirilli, engineer for the school district.

Adjournment - There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.. It was noted the next meeting is April 5 at 7:30 pm.